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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

9.30 a.m.	3957th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Third progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1998/1176)

Morning*	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 3957th meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1394th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Announcement

The formal meeting of the Security Council on the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building", which was suspended on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, will resume on Wednesday, 23 December, at 3 p.m. Delegations may contact the Secretariat in connection with the list of speakers at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or room S-3520C. *It is requested that statements not exceed seven minutes.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 93rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/701) [8]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee*

3. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/752) [17 (k)]

4. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738) [111]

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee* [112]

6. Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743) [114]

7. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/713) [116]

8. Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744) [117]

9. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.3) [118]

10. Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748) [119]

11. United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/754) [120]

12. United Nations pension system: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/736 and A/53/737) [121]

13. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745) [123]

14. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/755) [135]

15. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/756) [137]

16. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.1) [143 (a)]

17. Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999: report of the Fifth Committee* [113]

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* To be issued in the course of the day.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Closing of the session

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Informal (closed) consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, *today,* 18 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	686th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	687th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations [3]:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the resumed 1997 session of the Committee

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27 and E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.20/Corr.1)

2. Review of quadrennial reports deferred from the resumed 1997 session [4]

3. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302 [5]

4. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 [7]

5. Provision agenda and documentation for the 1999 session of the Committee [9] (E/C.2/1998/L.3)

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee [10]

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There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the work of the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission, *today*, 18 December 1998, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, is available for pick-up by interested delegations in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 18 December 1998

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting *today*, 18 December 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be addressed by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), on "Preventing the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Case Study Iraq". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. All delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *today*, 18 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 21 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/ 1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3956th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1183, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1183).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1183) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1215 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

92nd plenary meeting

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/53/L.73) [30]

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.73 (resolution 53/202).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The President assured members that the Assembly would continue its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463) in a fully open and transparent manner early 1999.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 30.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556/Add.1) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 11 of its second report (A/53/556/Add.1) (resolution 53/23 C).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) [12]

The General Assembly took note of chapters I to VII and sections A to C of chapter VIII, and chapters IX and X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council assigned to the plenary.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 12.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.72) [20 (b)]

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.72.

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.72 (resolution 53/1 O).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Strengthening of the United Nations system) [58]:

(a) Draft decision (A/53/C.68)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.74)

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution A/53/L.74 would be taken at a later date.

The representative of Canada made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft decision A/53/L.68.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/53/L.68.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

Programme of work

The President, after having recalled the provision of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 53/173, informed the Assembly that the first meeting of the ad hoc working group established by General Assembly resolution 52/179 would be held immediately upon the adjournment of the 92nd plenary meeting.

The President also informed the Assembly that the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations would hold further consultations early 1999 on a draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 31 (Culture of peace).

Statement by the President

The President made a statement.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone its date of recess from Thursday, 17 December 1998, to Friday, 18 December 1998.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 684th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Chile, the Russian Federation, India, China, Cuba, the Sudan, the Philippines and Greece.

685th meeting

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304 [6]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, India, Chile, the Sudan, the United Kingdom, China, Costa Rica, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland and Tunisia.

Statements were also made by the observers of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Turkey and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14: Malta (16 December 1998)*

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Ratification: New Zealand (16 December 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Algeria (17 December 1998)

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Togo (15 December 1998)*

Acceptance: United Arab Emirates (15 December 1998)*

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Togo (15 December 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (17 December 1998)

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: New Zealand (16 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Chad (15 December 1998)*

Acceptance: Togo (15 December 1998)*

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Iraq

Guinea-Bissau*

Other matters

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ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP AND OF UNFPA

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Presentation

There will be a presentation on "Information Exchange Programme on Eco-Society", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, on Monday, 21 December 1998, from 4.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The presentation will feature a video demonstration, a CD-ROM and a Web site reporting on the "Eco-Partnership Tokyo Conference". All members of permanent missions are invited.

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Friday, 18 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3957th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Third progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1998/1176)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached at the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, who introduced the third progress report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/1176).

The Council then heard a briefing by the representative of Sweden, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone about his visit the previous week to Sierra Leone and to Liberia.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Kenya, Costa Rica, Japan, Brazil, the United States, Portugal, Slovenia, Gabon, the Gambia, the United Kingdom, China and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Sweden and the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations responded to comments and questions by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

93rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 93rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/244/Add.1).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Note: The summary of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/244/Add.1).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 686th and 687th meetings

Note: The summary of the 686th and the 687th meetings of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/245).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Indonesia (17 December 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Canada (18 December 1998)

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Entry into force: 15 January 1999, in accordance with article 27 (1) of the Convention.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Hungary (18 December 1998)
Signature: Malta (18 December 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Armenia (18 December 1998)
Signature: Hungary (18 December 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Armenia (18 December 1998)
Signature: Hungary (18 December 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Austria
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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Thursday, 17 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

The representative of Uganda spoke on a point of order.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bahamas, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Norway.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

After a statement by the representative of Egypt, the Chairman made a proposal following which statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Poland, Costa Rica, Egypt, Kenya and Cuba.

Following a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom, the Committee agreed to suspend the meeting.

After the resumption of the meeting, the representative of the Bahamas made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), China and Egypt.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to a question posed.

Friday, 18 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

93rd plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/701) [8]

The General Assembly decided that the International Organization of la Francophonie would participate, in the capacity of observer, in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs instead of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/753)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.66 (resolutions 53/203 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 20 (c).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 17 (k), 111, 112, 114, 116 to 121, 123, 135, 137, 143 (a) and 113.

Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/752) [17 (k)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/752), appointed Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto as a member of the United Nations Staff Pensions Committee for the remainder of a term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738) [111]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/738) (resolution 53/204).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 111.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521/Add.1) [112]

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Japan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/53/521/Add.1) (resolutions 53/205 and 53/206).

The Assembly adopted draft decisions I to VI recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 19 of the same report.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand) and Poland.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743) [114]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/743) (resolution 53/207).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 114.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/713) [116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/713).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 116.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744) [117]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/744) (resolution 53/208).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.3) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/464/Add.3) (resolutions 53/36 B to E).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Romania and Slovakia) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748) [119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/748).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/754) [120]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/754) (resolution 53/209).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 120.

United Nations pension system: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/736 and A/53/737) [121]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/736) (resolution 53/210).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 121.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745) [123]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/745) (resolution 53/211).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/755) [135]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/755) (resolution 53/212).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 135.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/756) [137]

The representative of Uganda made a statement on a point of order in the course which he orally corrected operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/756).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee, as orally corrected by the representative of Uganda (resolution 53/213).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Uganda.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.1) [143 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/53/522/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 143 (a).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485/Add.1) [113]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 43 of its report (A/53/485/Add.1) (resolutions 53/214 and 53/215 A to C).

The Assembly adopted the three draft decisions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 44 of the same report.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to retain the following items on the agenda of its fifty-third session:

Item 10	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
Item 11	Report of the Security Council
Item 17	Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments
Item 20	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance
Item 30	United Nations reform: measures and proposals
Item 31	Culture of peace
Item 38	Oceans and the law of the sea

Item 39 Question of Palestine

Item 40 The situation in the Middle East

Item 43 The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 44 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 45 The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 57 Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

Item 58 Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 59 Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 60 Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 61 Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 62 Question of Cyprus

Item 111 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 113 Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

Item 114 Programme planning

Item 115 Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 117 Pattern of conferences

Item 118 Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 119 Human resources management

Item 120 United Nations common system

Item 121 United Nations pension system

Item 122 Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 123 Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 124 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 125 Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 126 Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 127 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 128 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 129 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 130 Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 131 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 132 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 133 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 134 Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 135 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 136 Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 138 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 139 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 140 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 141 Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 142 Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Item 143 Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 144 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 145 Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

Item 155 Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 161 Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 163 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 165 Joint Inspection Unit

Item 167 Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th (resumed) meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(k) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it a document (A/53/235) on the notification of the resignation of Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan) from the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee to fill the remainder of the term of office effective 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734 and Corr.1)

Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.66, an additional appropriation of $5,896,200 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $412,100 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1(Income from staff assessment).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.20.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, then made a statement on the understanding of the Committee regarding Section V of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.20.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of New Zealand, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of New Zealand, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.23.

The representative of Uganda drew attention to an error in paragraph 5 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Guidelines for internal control standards

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.30.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) Results-based budgeting

The Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.35.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States and Mexico.

The representative of Pakistan also made a statement and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.35.

The representative of New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

(c) Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.31.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System

The Chairman, on behalf of the representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.32.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) spoke in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) Development account

The representative of Bangladesh, Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.34.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Uganda, the United States, India, Algeria, Cuba, Kenya and China.

The representative of Poland aligned himself with the statement made by the representative of Austria (who had spoken on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(c) Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document A/C.5/53/49.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates, and decided that the recosting and the related adjustments should be reflected in the revised appropriation for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document A/C.5/53/48.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates" (A/C.5/53/48) and that it note that a balance of $15,307,800 would remain in the contingency fund.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(e) First performance report

The Chairman, on behalf of the representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.36.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(f) Draft Report of the Fifth Committee

Following the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.36, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to its draft report contained in document A/C.5/53/L.27.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft report.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

(a) Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001

The Chairman, on behalf of the representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.33.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Poland (who aligned his statement with the European Union) and Cameroon.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions also made a statement and suggested revisions to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Japan, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

(b) Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999-2000

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.29.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

(c) Action taken on certain items

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.28.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the resumed sessions of the Fifth Committee would be held from 8 to 26 March and from 10 to 28 May 1999.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Egypt (on behalf of the African States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asian States), the Russian Federation (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Guatemala (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States and India.

The Chairman declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

PROGRAMME ET ORDRE DU JOUR DES SÉANCES ET DES RÉUNIONS

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Iraq

Central African Republic (S/1998/1203)

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SÉANCES PRÉVUES AU CALENDRIER

Mardi 22 décembre 1998

CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

10 h 30 consultations plénières (privées) Salle de consultation

Iraq

République centrafricaine (S/1998/1203)

Somalie

Réunion d'information du Secrétariat

Questions diverses

Announcement

The meeting of the Security Council on the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building", which was suspended on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, will resume on Wednesday, 23 December, at 3 p.m. Delegations may contact the Secretariat in connection with the list of speakers at telephone no. (212) 963-5263 or room S-3520C. *It is requested that statements not exceed seven minutes.*

Avis

La séance du Conseil de sécurité sur le point de l'ordre du jour intitulé "Maintien de la paix et de la sécurité et consolidation de la paix après les conflits", suspendue le mercredi 16 décembre 1998, reprendra le mercredi 23 décembre 1998 à 15 heures. Les délégations intéressées sont priées de contacter le Secrétariat au sujet de la liste des orateurs (tél.: (212) 963-5263, bureau S-3520C). *Les délégations sont priées de limiter leur déclaration à sept minutes.*

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	177th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing to Members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

COMITÉ DU CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ CRÉÉ PAR LA RÉSOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNANT LA SITUATION ENTRE L'IRAQ ET LE KOWEÏT

15 h 30	177e séance* (privée)	Salle de conférence 7

* À l'issue de la séance, le Président tiendra une réunion d'information à l'intention des Membres intéressés de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans la même salle de conférence. À la suite de la réunion, le Président tiendra une réunion d'information pour la presse dans la Salle des conférences de presse.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 22 December 1998

ISLAMIC GROUP:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

RÉUNIONS AUTRES QUE LES RÉUNIONS D'ORGANES DES NATIONS UNIES

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Mardi 22 décembre 1998

GROUPE ISLAMIQUE :

GROUPE DE CONTACT SUR LA BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE
(au niveau des ambassadeurs)

11 heures à 13 heures	réunion privée	Salle de conférence 8

Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Avis

À partir du mercredi 2 décembre 1998, et jusqu'à la fin du mois, la Présidence du Conseil de sécurité tiendra des réunions d'information officieuses sur les travaux en cours du Conseil à l'intention des États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies qui ne sont pas membres du Conseil, tous les jours sauf quand des consultations officieuses ne sont pas prévues. Les réunions d'information auront lieu à 13 h 15, ou à l'issue des consultations officieuses, dans la salle des conférences de presse (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the Thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 11 January 1999 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/ 1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

RÉUNIONS À VENIR

CONSEIL ÉCONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL

M. Aurelio Fernández (Espagne), Président de la Commission du développement social, tiendra une réunion d'information sur les préparatifs de la trente-septième session de la Commission le lundi 11 janvier 1999 de 15 heures à 17 heures. La salle de conférence sera annoncée à une date ultérieure. Toutes les délégations, les fonctionnaires du Secrétariat et les représentants des organisations non gouvernementales sont invités.

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Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance

CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

Réunion de présession

Une réunion d'information de présession officieuse sur les questions principales dont sera saisi le Conseil d'administration de l'UNICEF à sa première session ordinaire (19-22 et 25 janvier 1999) aura lieu le mardi 5 janvier 1999 de 10 heures à 13 heures dans la salle du Conseil économique et social. L'ordre du jour provisoire annoté et l'organisation des travaux figurent dans le document E/ICEF/1999/2. Toutes les délégations sont invitées.

Première session ordinaire de 1999

Le Conseil d'administration de l'UNICEF tiendra sa première session ordinaire du 19 au 22 et le 25 janvier 1999 dans la salle du Conseil économique et social. L'ordre du jour provisoire annoté et l'organisation des travaux figurent dans le document E/ICEF/1999/2. Les délégations sont priées de télécopier leurs pouvoirs au secrétariat de l'UNICEF (212-326-7096) le plus tôt possible, au plus tard le 14 janvier 1999.

Conformément à l'article 50 2) du règlement intérieur et à son annexe, les délégations d'observation sont également priées de transmettre, avec leurs pouvoirs, les questions de l'ordre du jour sur lesquelles elles souhaitent intervenir.

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Conseil d'administration du Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement et du Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population

Le Conseil d'administration du PNUD et du FNUAP tiendra des consultations officieuses de présession sur toutes les questions dont la première session ordinaire de 1999 sera saisie le lundi 11 janvier 1999 de 15 heures à 18 heures dans la salle du Conseil économique et social. Toutes les délégations intéressées sont invitées.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

La première session ordinaire de 1999 du Conseil d'administration du PNUD et du FNUAP se tiendra du 25 au 29 janvier 1999 dans la salle de conférence 2. L'ordre du jour provisoire, les annotations, la liste des documents et le plan de travail figurent dans le document DP/1999/L.1. Les délégations, ainsi que les observateurs, sont priés de faxer leurs pouvoirs au secrétariat du Conseil d'administration (906-5634) le plus tôt possible et au plus tard le vendredi 15 janvier 1999.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 18 December 1998

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS — 686th and 687th meetings

Note: The summary of the 686th and the 687th meetings of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/246).

Monday, 21 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3958th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Guinea-Bissau and Togo, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1202, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1202).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1202) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1216 (1998).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Venezuela (2 November 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

APERÇU DES SÉANCES

Vendredi 18 décembre 1998

CONSEIL ÉCONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL

COMITÉ CHARGÉ DES ORGANISATIONS NON GOUVERNEMENTALES — 686e et 687e séances

Note : L'aperçu des 686e et 687e séances du Comité paraîtra dans le prochain numéro du *Journal* (No 1998/246).

Lundi 21 décembre 1998

CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

3958e séance

La situation en Guinée-Bissau

L'ordre du jour est adopté sans opposition.

Le Président, agissant avec l'assentiment du Conseil, invite sur leur demande les représentants de la Guinée-Bissau et du Togo à participer au débat sans droit de vote, conformément aux dispositions pertinentes de la Charte et à l'article 37 du règlement intérieur provisoire du Conseil.

Le Président appelle l'attention sur le texte d'un projet de résolution figurant dans le document S/1998/1202, qui a été préparé au cours des consultations préalables du Conseil.

Le Conseil procède ensuite au vote sur le projet de résolution dont il est saisi (S/1998/1202)

Décision : Le projet de résolution (S/1998/1202) obtient 15 voix et est adopté à l'unanimité en tant que résolution 1216 (1998).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[TRAITÉS MULTILATÉRAUX DÉPOSÉS AUPRÈS DU SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL]

Amendement au paragraphe 2 de l'article 43 de la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant. New York, 12 décembre 1995

Acceptation : Venezuela (2 novembre 1998*)

* Date de réception des documents pertinents.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Ratification: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

Declaration under article 41 of the Covenant: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Ratification: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

Declaration under article 14 of the Convention: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Accession: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations. 13 February 1946

Accession: Venezuela (21 December 1998)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Ratification: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

Declaration under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention: South Africa (10 December 1998)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Monaco (18 December 1998)*

Ratification: Denmark (21 December 1998)*

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Ukraine (25 June 1998)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

Today, 22 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m., the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates will present to the Secretary-General the Dubai International Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment, the "Barjil". The presentation will take place on the third floor in the neck joining the General Assembly and Conference buildings.

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As of Monday, 21 December 1998, the Pass and Identification Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Présentation d'un don

Aujourd'hui, 22 décembre 1998 à 15 h 30, la Mission permanente des Émirats arabes unis remettra au Secrétaire général le Prix international Dubai pour les meilleures pratiques dans l'amélioration du milieu de vie (le "Barjil"). La cérémonie aura lieu au troisième étage, dans le couloir joignant les bâtiments de l'Assemblée générale et des conférences.

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